

The Reality of God's Wrath

Isaiah 13-23

Who is God going to receive God's wrath?

Babylon (13:1—14:24)
Assyria (14:25-27)
Philistia (14:28-32)
Moab (15:1—16:14)
Damascus (17:1-18:7)
Egypt (19:1-20:6)
Babylon (21:1—10)
Dumah (21:11-12)
Arabia (21:13-23)
Israel (22:1-25)
Tyre (23:1-18)



When will this outpouring of God's wrath happen?

Throughout chapters 13-23 we see two themes:

God's wrath will be poured upon each country at a specific time in their immediate future (example: 13:17-19).

God's wrath will also be poured upon the entire world at the end of history (example 13:9-13).

Why will God pour wrath on the entire world?

Through Creation God has clearly revealed himself to the whole world — so we all can see that God loves us, cares for us, has power to help us — so we should look to him for everything.

But the world would not look to God (22:7-11).

As a result, the world became evil, sinful, proud, and ruthless (13:11).

That's why God will pour His wrath upon the entire world (13:13)

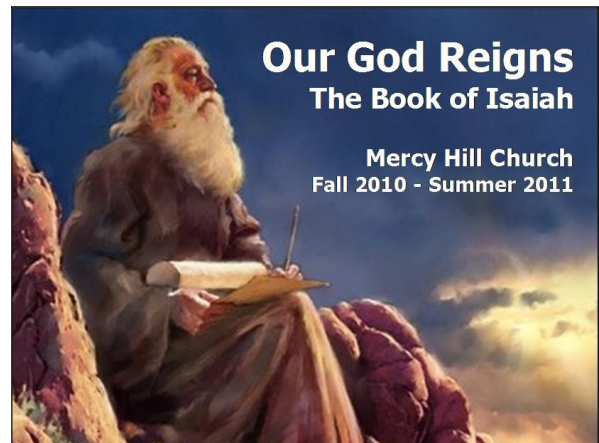
Is there any hope?

In these chapters there are many promises of God's saving mercy, like in 19:21-25.

God brings His saving power upon people one way — through us sharing with them the Gospel.

What does this mean for us?

See God's coming wrath, love those who are lost, and do whatever you can to share the Gospel with them.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come with?

Does it make sense to you that God will punish the whole world at the end of history? Can you see the justice in this? Why or why not?

Do you agree that God saves people through someone sharing the Gospel? So what keeps us back from sharing the Gospel more broadly?

Do you think it's spiritually healthy to think about God's wrath? Why or why not?

What is the Holy Spirit calling you to do in response to these chapters?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

